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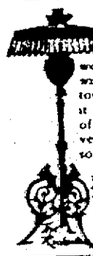

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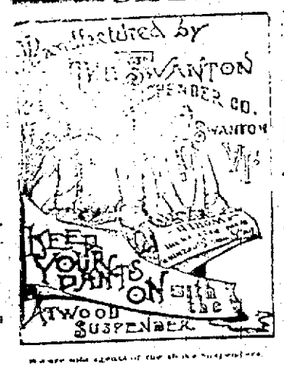

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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

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From heaven to earth at night's high noon
There flashed a ray of sacred fire,
And Nature's voice was all a-tune
With heavenly choirs.
O wondrous night! O holy morn!
When peace and harmony were born!

The anthems of all nations ring
Over the seas from shore to shore,
The song the Christmas joy bells sing
Echoes forevermore.
O Christ, to think Thy baby hands
Could grasp and hold so many lands!

May joy abide in every breast!
May loving thoughts and kindness sway,
The souls of men to quiet rest,
For Christ was born today!
Let bitterness and envy cease,
And all His children be at peace!

O spirit of this Christmastide,
Abide with us, and give us power
To conquer upon every side
The battle of life's hour.
And grant that we may know with Thee
The joy of immortality!

HELEN S. CONANT.

OLD TIME RHYMES.

Some Quaint Christmas Verses of Other Days.

It was Fr nces Tusser who, nearly three and a half centuries ago, advised all people to at

Christmas by and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

In his quaint book, entitled "Five Hundreth Points of Good Husbandrie," but it was preceded by that of Thomas Hyde, which had been issued a month earlier, called "Alexander and the King of Egypt" the conclusion of which is in Dr. Ray's "Collection of Proverbs," as follows:

Bonner be merry for this year,
Christmas comes but once a year.
And when it comes it brings good cheer.
But when it's gone, it's gone for one year.

Herrick, in his "Hesperides," speaks of Christmas as the "Worn Time That comes but once a year." And Shakespeare, in "Love's Labor Lost," makes the Marcade say:

Therefore of our sweet Christmas
A merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot.

A writer in The Gentleman's Magazine for May, 1784, tells us that "the drinking the Wassail bowl, a custom now, in all probability, owning to keeping Christmas in the same manner that had before the Feast of Yule. There was nothing the mystic rites so indispensable as the wassail bowl, which flowing with ale, spiced and sweetened, was carried about by the young men, with much ceremony, on New Year's Eve, and the contents drunk to the health of the company. It was likewise customary for the master of each family to fill a large bowl of punch, to drink out of it first himself, and then give it to his next guest, and so it went round and round.

In Poor Robin's Almanac for 1677, at the beginning of December, is the following:

Now Sol is in the winter quarter,
Nimble Mercury for the dance is not fit,
Which sober sad subjects is still to be heed
And in our hero latitudes.

The Yule-log figures largely in all the poetry of the Fourteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries, and of this Herrick says:

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys,
The Christmas Log to the firing;
While my good Dame, she
Bids ye all be free
And drink to your heart's desiring.

With the last year's Brand
Light the new Block, and
For good success in his spending,
On your merriest pleas
The sun did set, and
Could not for his life stay longer;
You must not think to wrong
Our orders, and our song.
Whose word is more than a command.

Albert P. Southwick.

TO A SPRAY OF MISTLETOE.

A contemporary writes:

One year ago above the door
You hung as a token
Caused her heart to throb and roar,
And then upon the stair

We sat and talked. Because of you
My arm stole round her waist.
And then, because of you also once,
I kissed her. This in haste

For her papa was up above,
And down the stair he came.
This was last year, and yet I'm still,
Because of you, quite lame.

TOM MASON.

The Truth About It.

Stuffer—What do you think? Jones has actually invited me to dine with him on Christmas day at his boarding house.

Drabaway—Ha! ha! Did you ask him if he had a grudge against you?

Stuffer—Yes. He said no; that he had a grudge against the landlady.

News and Notes.

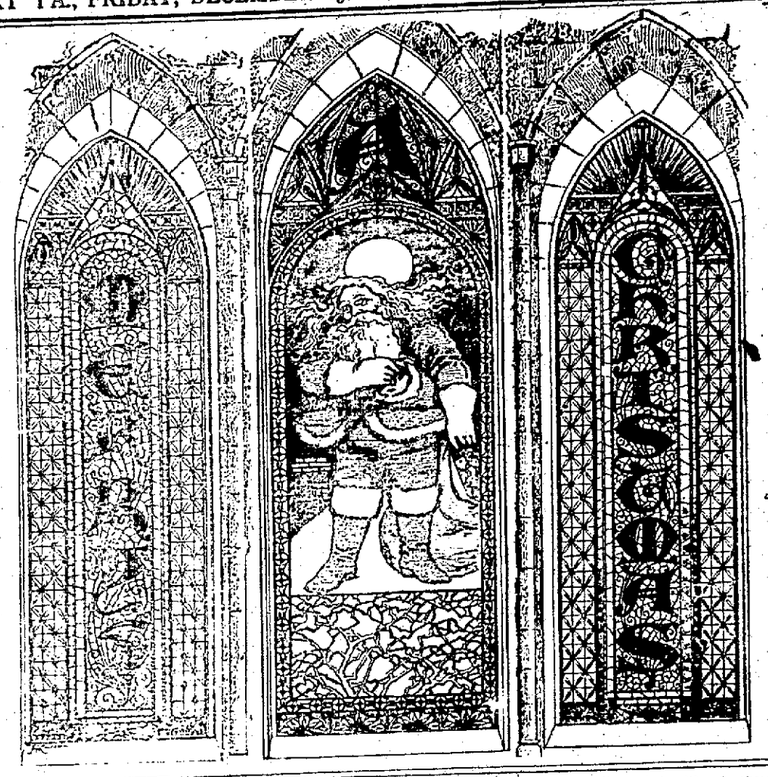
It is said that engravers in Germany harden their tools in sealing wax.

New coal discoveries are reported in Kentucky, Utah, Washington and Alaska.

Agitation is the principle the last cotton picker is worked on; the pickers are shaken sufficiently to knock out the cotton which the machine catches before it reaches the ground.

When cleaning a watch, handle all the parts with tweezers and tissue paper to avoid staining the gilded parts.

The areas of the chief cities in the United States, according to a recent estimate, are: Chicago, 1734 square miles; Philadelphia, 1293; Washington, D. C., St. Louis, 61½; New Orleans, 65; San Francisco, 49½; New York, 41; Boston, 37½; Baltimore, 32; Brooklyn, 26¼, and Cincinnati, 24.



DEAD IN THE DESERT.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY ALFRED B. CALHOUN.

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IT WAS the 24th of December, 1870, I was at that time in charge of a division of engineers who were making a survey of the Mojave desert from the Needles on the Great Colorado to Los Angeles on the Pacific.

For a month the officers and men had been eagerly looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays in the beautiful town of San Bernardino, on the other side of the Sierras.

On the 23d the seasons, pack mules and all the men, excepting three who remained behind to complete some work with myself, crossed the range that separates the Mojave (pronounced Mohaveen) desert from the flowering and fruitful paradise of southern California.

For six weeks we had been working in the desert, running lines, taking elevations and plotting our work at night by the smoky light of dried creosote and cactus stem brush. At times we were sixty miles from the nearest water, and when we reached the water was alkaline. Many of our pack mules, maddened by thirst, broke their ropes and wandered further into the desert to die.

Hard tack and bacon, and not too much of that, had been the only food of the men since we entered the desert, and as the most cheerful became grum, and the skin of the youngest grew dry and parched as that of a mummy.

We did our work in silence; even the officers came to speak in whispers, for our throats were dry and our lips cracked. Everything with moisture in it parched as if in a furnace.

The alkali on the level expanses looked like dazzling snow. The fantastic hills and mesas were crumbling and burning up in the forceful and persistent fires of oxidation. And amid all this the mirage would appear to mock us with lakes and streams in which were reflected the spires, domes and minarets of grand oriental cities, such as might have been built by the genius of architecture.

It was half past 5 in the afternoon, and we hoped to reach the pass by dark, where fresh horses would carry us to the town before midnight and Christmas day.

As our horses staggered on, we saw three vultures rising from a dark object a little to the right. A glance through my field glass revealed the outlines of a prostrate man and horse, stretched out side by side.

Years of this wild life had accustomed us to such sights. Yet as our hearts were full of thoughts of the joyous Christmas days of the past and of the rest, fresh food and water for bathing, which we were to enjoy on the morrow, there was something inexpressibly sad in the presence of death at such a time and at the foot of the purple mountains, beyond which lay Eden.

We reined in our thin, panting horses and dismounted. In that atmosphere no organic substance decays—it shrivels up and becomes as hard and indestructible as the glistening volcanic rocks that surround it; but enough remained to tell us that the horse had once been a noble creature, and the saddle and equipments were such as the wealthy Mexicans of southern California delight in.

The man was of medium height, and the carbine, pistols and knife, still bolted about his shrunken waist, indicated ability to resist. He was young. The long, dark hair and the silky mustache, through which the white teeth gleamed, told this. We opened the saddlebags and found $200 in gold, the titles to a lot of California mining lands made out to one "Louis Bolton," and a bundle of letters tied with a blue ribbon.

In the middle of the bundle there were two vignettes—one that of a sweet faced, motherly lady, the other that of a beautiful girl, the name "Dora" at the bottom of the picture being surrounded by a delicately painted wreath of forget-me-nots.

Those letters were dated at "The Elms," but, as the envelopes were destroyed, there was nothing to indicate the town, state or land. One read as follows, and, curiously enough, it was dated Christmas eve, a year before:

"MY DARLING BOY—I think of you at all times, but on Christmas eve you fill my heart so that I can think of nothing else, and if it were not for Dora, who has come to cheer me, I fear I could not stand it. Where is my Louis tonight? This question haunts me, and I picture you out in the deserts of that wild land, homeless and friendless, still hunting for gold. Ah, my boy, come back! Better poverty than this awful anxiety. But we cannot be poor where there is so much love."

The letter continued at length in this vein, and it ended: "With love and kisses and blessings from Mother."

The next letter was also written at "The Elms" on Christmas eve, just a year before. I cannot pretend to quote it in full, but every line breaks a noble womanhood and a profound love for the absent Louis.

"Do not think me impatient," she urged, "that I feel more and more that wealth does not mean happiness, and that the noblest manhood is not developed in the fierce struggle for gold. And then, my darling, the world is not so full of objects worthy our love that we can afford to live our brief lives apart.

"You must not think that I am indifferent to the self denial you exert and the sufferings you endure. I often fancy myself a man out seeking my fortune in that land of wonders; but I shudder when I think that you are surrounded by the dangers which my fancy conjures up. * * *

"Nero, grown fat and lazy, lies at my feet as I write. I call your name, 'Louis!' and my Louis" and the dog starts up and

STRETCHED SIDE BY SIDE

rushes to the door with a joyous bark, but he hears no loved voice or footstep, and he comes back dejected and lies down with a moan. Ah, dear boy! if that dumb brute mourns your absence, how must it be with me? * * *

And so the letter went on, full of love and gossip and gossip and love, till it ended with "Ever and forever, Dora."

We had the body at the base of a volcanic cliff, and covered it with stones to save it from the vultures, then we distributed the arms and saddlebags, so as to save our horses, and resumed our march for the west, where the peaks of the purple Sierras glowed like mighty fire opals in the light of the setting sun.

We found fresh horses at the pass, and then, although quite tired, we pushed on with all speed for the beautiful town of San Bernardino.

We were out of the desert. The odor of orange blossoms and perennial heliotrope filled the air, and the ripple of water came to our ears whenever we reined in our horses.

There never was such a clear, glorious Christmas eve since the wise men from the east followed the star to Bethlehem and the manger in which lay the Christ child. Lights flashed through the groves, indicating the happy abodes of settlers, and now and then we heard a song that told of home, and the musical laughter of children whose special eve it was.

We found the hotel ablaze with light. There were wreaths and banners over windows and doors. There were flowers and

A WEDDING PRESENT.

the faces of beautiful women and handsome men wherever one turned. From the wide parlors came the rythmic fall of feet and the swell of music.

Here was Eden, but on asking the landlord the reason for these festivities, he replied:

"It is a wedding. Mr. Louis Bolton, whose bride and mother reached here this morning from the east, was married tonight."

"Louis Bolton!" I repeated, and I thought of the dead man out on the desert.

"Yes; here he is. Let me introduce him."

The landlord introduced me to a tall, handsome young man, and I at once took him to my room and showed him the arms and saddlebags.

As soon as he saw the titles, he threw his arms about my neck, and to my surprise he kissed me and shouted:

"You have brought a wedding present that makes me rich, rich as any honest man wants to be!"

Briefly, Mr. Bolton's papers and much of his ready money had been stolen six months before by a Mexican desperado named Guan Chanz. The man was chased into the desert where he perished, and so my sympathy was wasted.

I met the dear mother, and I met "Dora" that night, and I drank to their health and prosperity as the church bells rang in Christmas day.

Early Christmas Carols.

Christmas carols have been sung ever since the rude tribes of Germany were converted to Christianity. There are books by the score containing hundreds of them. Bishop Taylor observes that the "Gloria in Excelsis," the well known hymn sung by the angels to the shepherds at our Lord's Nativity, was the earliest Christmas carol. Bourne cites Durandus to prove that in earlier ages of the church the bishops were accustomed on Christmas day to sing carols among their clergy. The original of the Anglo-Norman carol (translated by Douce) of the date Thirteenth century is in the British museum. It begins:

Now, Lordings, listen to our ditty.
Strangers coming from afar;
Let poor minstrels have your pity,
Give us welcome, soothe our care.

In 1521, Wynkyn de Warde printed a set of Christmas carols. One of them was "A Carol bryngyng in the Bore's Head." Chaucer alludes to it in his "Franklein's Tale:"

Janus sitteth by the fire with double beard,
And he drinketh of his bugle-horne the wine
Before him standeth the braune of the tusked swine.

CHRISTMAS APHORISMS.

Pope Telesphorus, who died before the middle of the Second century, deserved canonizing, if for nothing else, for instituting Christmas as a festival. It has been celebrated ever since in all Christian lands, and has given more happiness to children than any day in the calendar. Making children happy is the essence of Christianity.

Of late years, Christmas has become far more a domestic and merrymaking holiday than a religious one. But it is religious in the best sense, since it is a day of peace and rest, and opens the heart to human needs and human sympathies.

The most satisfactory way to observe Christmas is to do at least one good act to some of our fellows. The consciousness of doing such an act will inspire us to do others, and so sanctify the day as to make it ever welcome.

Christmas is always associated with the good Jesus who, whether regarded as God or man, was the purest, kindest, noblest being that has walked the earth. He has inspired love in saint and sinner, in devotee and skeptic alike. Men may wrangle about creeds; but about Jesus and his beautiful life there can hardly be any difference of opinion, for he pitied all who suffered and strove to heal every aching heart.

Christmas has gradually evolved out of its theology and has come to stand for a festival of love. Therefore all men love it, for throughout the universe love is born of love and is worshiped for its own sake.

A clear conscience furnishes the best digestion for a Christmas dinner.

Christmas is a day to form good resolutions. It is easier to form them on that or any other day than to keep them for a single month.

No conscientious person can enjoy his Christmas dinner if he knows anybody else within reach to be hungry. The consciousness that we have given food to the needy provides us with the finest appetite.

Christmas was formed, in the era of theology, from Christ and mass. In these practical and luxurious days it might signify that we should try to imitate Christ in dealing with the mass of mankind, who are usually more or less unfortunate. By so dealing with them we should make all days Christmas day.

It is better to be a Christmas turkey on the table than a Christmas goose on the table.

JUNIUS HENRI BROWNE.

The Antiquity of the Christmas Box.

Three centuries ago the Christmas box, now not often heard of, was in the height of its glory, as these lines show:

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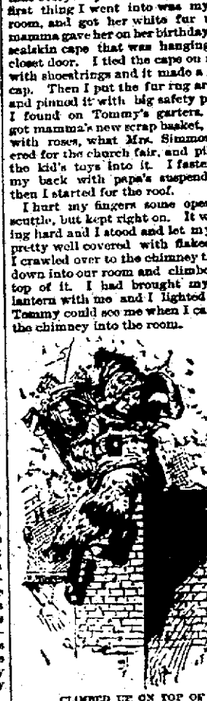
SANTA CLAUS EXPERIENCE.

OF COURSE I don't believe in any such person as Santa Claus, but Tommy does. Tommy is my little brother, aged six. Last Christmas I thought I'd make some fun for the young one by playing Santa Claus, but as always happens when I try to amuse anybody I jes' got myself into trouble.

I went to bed pretty early Christmas eve so as to give my Frenchy a chance to get the presents out of the closet in mamma's room, where they had been locked up since they were bought. I kep my close on except my shoes, and put my nightgown over them so as I'd look white if any of them came near me. Then I waited, pinchin myself to keep awake. After awhile papa came into the room with a lot of things that he dumped on Tommy's bed. Then mamma came in and put some things on mine and in our two stockings that were hung up by the chimney. Then they both went out very quiet, and soon all the lights went out too.

I kep on pinchin myself and waitin for a time, and then when I was sure that everybody was asleep I got up. The first thing I went into was my sister's room, and got her white fur rug that mamma gave her on her birthday, and her sealskin cape that was hanging on the closet door. I tied the cape on my head with shoestrings and it made a good big cap. Then I put the fur rug around me and pinned it with big safety pins what I found on Tommy's garters. Then I got mamma's new scrap basket, trimmed with roses, what Mrs. Simmons broidered for the church fair, and piled all of the kid's toys into it. I fastened it to my back with papa's suspenders, and then I started for the roof.

I hurt my fingers some opening the scuttle, but kept right on. It was snowing hard and I stood and let myself get pretty well covered with flakes. Then I crawled over to the chimney that went down into our room and climbed up on top of it. I had brought my bicycle lantern with me and I lighted it so as Tommy could see me when I came down the chimney into the room.



CLIMBED UP ON TOP OF IT.

There did not seem to be any places inside the chimney where I could hold on by my feet, but the ceiling in our room was not very high and I had often jumped most as far, so I jes let her go, and suppose I went down. Anyway, I did not know about anything for a long time. Then I woke up all in the dark with my head feelin queer, and when I tried to turn over in bed I found I wasn't in bed at all, and then my arms and legs began to hurt terrible, mostly one arm that was doubled up. I tried to get up, but I couldn't because my bones hurt so and I was terrible cold and there was nothing to stand on. I was jes stuck. Then I began to cry, and pretty soon I heard mamma's voice sayin to papa:

"Those must be sparrers that are making that noise in the chimney. Jes touch a match to the wood in the boys' fireplace."

I heard papa strike a light and then the wood began to crackle. Then, by jinks! it began to get hot and smoky and I screamed:

"Help! Murder! Put out that fire lest you want to burn mo up!"

Then I heard papa stamping on the wood and mamma calling out:

"Where's Billy? Where is my chile?"

Next Tommy woke up and began to cry and everything was terrible, specially the pains all over me. Then papa called out very stern:

"William, if you are in that chimney come down at once!" and I answered, cryin, that I would if I could, but I was stuck and couldn't.

Then I heard papa gettin dressed, and pretty soon he and John from the stable went up on the roof and let down ropes what I put around me and they hauled me up.

It was jes daylight and I was all black and sooty and scratched and my arm was broken.

Everybody scolded me except mamma, I had spoiled my sister's white rug, and broken all of Tommy's toys, and the snow what went in through the scuttle melted and marked the parlor ceiling, besides I guess it cost papa a good deal to get my arm mended. Nobody would believe that I had jes meant to make some fun for Tommy, and my arm and all my bruised places hurt me awful for a long time. If I live to be a million I am never goin to play Santa Claus agin.

CORNELIA REDMOND.

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First St. Louis Girl—I want to hang up my stocking on Christmas, but I am afraid it isn't big enough.

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...Bloeman is our authorized agent ...
...city of Bradford to contract for ...
...ing and job work and receive ...
...for the MINER.

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...Christmas.

...New Year 1892, next Friday

...Flatbus of the grip are multiplying ...

...paper will be issued from this of- ...
...week

...calendar year will soon be here but ...
...leap too soon

...physicians report much sickness ...
...about Smethport.

...this issue the MINER completes ...
...eighth volume.

...Round the free-for-all a helium screen ...

...Baptist church to-night

...we go to press the prospects for ...
...Christmas are very bright

...MINER wishes all its readers a ...
...Christmas and a happy New Year

...dangerous counterfeit fifty cent ...
...of the date of 1887 is in circulation.

...is a way of getting through ...
...and a way of getting books through

...Sunday last was the shortest day of ...
...The days will now begin to ...

...merchants report a rather dull ...
...trade this fall which is no doubt ...
...the bad roads.

...Missouri newspaper has 700 words ...
...line on subscription and not a ...
...which is the woodshed

...Now is the time to prepare your New ...
...resolutions. Perhaps, however ...
...year's will do just as well

...The Era figures the population of ...
...with Tarport entered at 18, ...
...Bucyrus at 13,000 and the Star at 10,

...When a boy and a dog become friends ...
...is hard to determine which is most in ...
...need of communication. Chicago Tribune

...Ginseng root is now quoted at $2.40 ...
...pound. Large quantities of the root ...
...gathered in this and Potter counties ...
...annually.

...I'll knock your block off" is said to ...
...the latest. Block may be more elo- ...
...than head but it is surely less ...
...complimentary.

...Love a sterling of gold leads, be ...
...ing to Lake Erie. Anyone finding ...
...will be liberally rewarded by re- ...
...leaving the same [illegible]

...Ground was broken for Mrs M ...
...'s new residence on Keith street ...
...Wednesday morning. C. A. Mann has ...
...the contract for the foundations and

...The Smethport Graded School will ...
...Academy closed for the holiday vacation ...
...on Friday last. The pupils will resume ...
...studies on Monday January 4th

...Librarian of the Senate, Herman ...
...Esq will accept our sincere ...
...for an elegant bound volume of ...
...Hand Book. It is highly prized

...There will be a Christmas service ...
...sermon at the M E Church next ...
...morning, and in the evening the ...
...subject will be "The Bright Side of the ...

...An audience that was enthralled on ...
...evening last and quite a large ...
...listened to Miss Adelia Walters who ...
...all of her charming powers in ...
...on that day

...many of our young people took ad- ...
...age of the ice the first of the week ...
...enjoyed skating to their hearts con- ...

...The pond on Monday presented a ...
...very animated appearance

...The prize-package business in the to- ...
...trade has been knocked out by the ...
...Internal Revenue Department. An or- ...
...der has been issued that a package of to- ...
...bacco must contain nothing else

...Look out for the man who lowers his ...
...voice when he loses his temper. He is ...
...a good deal more dangerous than the fel- ...
...low who talks loud enough to be heard ...
...half way through the next century.

...Mr and Mrs. H D Calkin are ...
...mourning the loss of their little son aged ...
...7 months, who died Saturday at 1 p. ...
...of bowels. The funeral ...
...was held Monday morning the remains ...
...being interred in St Elizabeth's Ceme- ...
...tery.

...We were in error last week in saying ...
...that the festivities at the Baptist church ...
...would be held on the evening of Christ- ...
...mas day. Christmas Eve, Thursday is ...
...the time set apart for the exercises and ...
...all are invited

...A log train has been put on the B ...
...R & K. R'd R. which is supplying fall ...
...Bowse mill with sufficient logs to ...
...keep it running. In this manner at ...
...the upper mill business is suspended for ...
...the want of stock.

...It has been computed that between ...
...10,000,000 and 11,000,000 babies are born ...
...in the world each year or about 70 per ...
...minute. A line if cradles containing them ...
...would extend around the world unbroken, ...
...and the silence would be broken in sever- ...
...places.

...The Philadelphia *Record Almanac* ...
...1892 is an unusually interesting num- ...
...ber. The statistical information with ...
...which its pages are filled is invaluable, ...
...and its illustrations of prominent build- ...
...ings, &c., of "a olden time," be a feature ...
...of great interest.

...The largest six cities of the world in ...
...order of their population are as follows ...
...London (census of 1890) 4,211,061, Paris ...
...(census of 1886) 2,344,550, Berlin (1890) 1,574,- ...
...000, New York (1890), 1,515,301, Canton, ...
...China (estimated) 1,500,000, Vienna ...
...(1890) 1,360,000.

...Judging in a fatic contest. The youth, it ...
...seems was too familiar The same intel- ...
...dent three hundred miles south would be ...
...productive of a lynching bee

...—The Willard Hotel of Bradford, un- ...
...der the management of Louis Lauber, ...
...has become one of he best in the city. ...
...John F Burkholder, late of Simpson, but ...
...recently purchased the property, which ...
...is a guarantee that the excellent standing ...
...of the house will be maintained

...—Mrs. George Barrett died at her home ...
...in this borough on Thursday morning, ...
...after a short illness of acute pneumonia, ...
...superinduced by an attack of the grip. ...
...The deceased was a daughter of J W ...
...Stark and sister of Mrs. H L. Burlingame ...
...and Washington Stark, of this place

...—Dr Stearns has been lying quite ill ...
...at his residence on Jones Main street for ...
...several days, suffering from the same ...
...stomach trouble with which he was pros- ...
...trated a few years ago. He does not ap- ...
...prove very cordially The doctor has a ...
...large circle of friends and acquaintances ...
...who hope for his early and complete re- ...
...covery *Reporter*

...—On account of the holidays and New ...
...Year's holiday travel the N Y & P ...
...railroad will sell excursions to all points ...
...on their line on Dec 24th 25th and 31st ...
...and Jan 1st a good going on date of ...
...sale only at one and one-third fair for ...
...the round trip. Tickets good for return ...
...passage until Jan 4th 1892 Conductors ...
...will collect full fair if paid on the train

...—Hoyt is a clever little gem which is ...
...going the rounds. He didn't read the ...
...papers for they hadn't any news. At ...
...least they had to coincide with his especial ...
...views, and when he came to town one ...
...day with criticisms rife he climbed an ...
...electric lamp post to light his ancient ...
...pipe he hadn't read the papers—but he ...
...knew just what was best he sleptly ...
...touched the wires the fluid did the rest

...Mrs C M Davis, mother of Mrs ...
...Geo A Seargeon of Bradford, died at the ...
...home of her daughter on Congress street, ...
...that city, a few days since of pneumonia, ...
...aged 56 years. Mr Davis is a nephew of ...
...Hon S A Backus of this place and is ...
...well known by many of our citizens. ...
...Mrs. Davis was a lady woman and her ...
...death is deeply mourned by a large circle ...
...of friends. Her remains were taken to ...
...Friendship, her home, for burial

...A contemporary thinks that man ...
...should blindly and ignorantly accept and ...
...adhere to the tenets of creeds promulgated ...
...by fanatics which because they were sup- ...
...ported by his bigoted progenitors, that ...
...he should not think for himself, that he ...
...should go stumbling on through the world blind to ...
...all instruction and intelligent forward all ...
...progress of his descent. Thus the con- ...
...temporary argues in rebuking an item ...
...which appeared in this column last week. ...
...The sound philosophy and subtle reason- ...
...ing which fill the columns of the Era ...
...so attribute prima facie evidence that the ...
...criticism was written in bad faith.

...From the Bolivar *Eagle* we learn ...
...that Calvin H Moses of that place died ...
...on Tuesday of last week of pneumonia, ...
...resulting from the grippe aged 56 years. ...
...Deceased was born in Cuba N Y and ...
...came to Bolivar when fifteen years age. ...
...He was a man highly respected and was ...
...a good citizen. He leaves a wife and ...
...four children. Mr Moses was formerly ...
...a resident of Smethport and conducted the ...
...Mansion House here. He was also ...
...conducted the funeral services last Fri- ...
...day afternoon at the house. The fu- ...
...neral was a surprise to Capt C C ...
...Moses of Bolivar, a brother of the de- ...
...ceased.

...A few people of Smethport [illegible] ...
...[illegible] ...
...[illegible] ...
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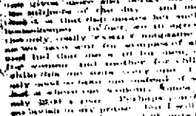

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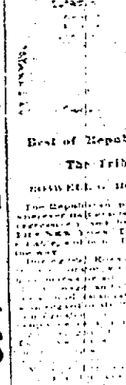

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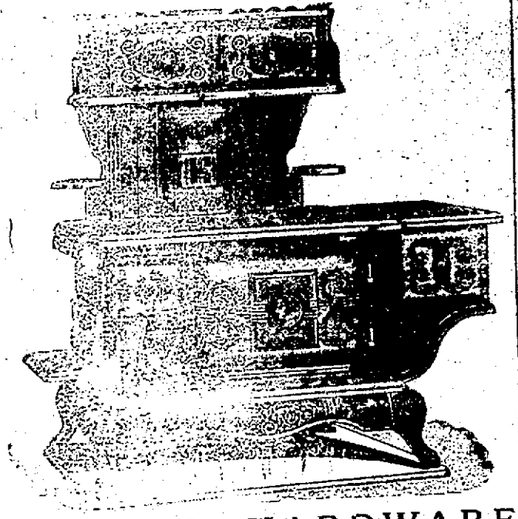

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[illegible]

Train [illegible] at 2:30 p. m. connects at Kinzua with [illegible] for Bradford at Glean with Mixed Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

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P.m.	a.m.	STATIONS	a.m.	p.m.
6 10	12 30	Ar. Bradford, Lv.	8 05	5 05
6 05	12 25	Kinzua Jct.	8 10	5 00
5 53	11 18	New City	8 22	4 37
5 45	10 55	Kinzuta	8 30	4 30
5 35	10 45	Duke Centre	8 40	4 20
5 10	10 15	Kidrel	10 05	4 00
		B. R. & C. R. R.		
		Corry	10 35	4 35
3 13	8 25	[illegible]	11 05	4 57
2 57	9 12	Little Genesee	11 05	4 57
2 45	9 00	Lv. Bolivar, Ar.	11 15	5 05
2 10	8 30	Allentown	11 50	5 40
1 45	8 07	Ar Wellsville Lv.	12 15	6 00
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.
7 35	5 25	Ar. Bradford, Lv.	8 15	7 15
7 25	5 15	Kinzua Jct.	8 25	7 25
6 47	4 37	Aiken	8 03	8 03
6 39	4 29	Davis	9 11	8 11
6 27	4 17	Shippen	9 23	8 23
6 15	4 03	Grassby	9 40	8 40
5 40	3 30	[illegible]	9 10	8 40
5 10	2 55	[illegible]	9 40	9 40
4 50	2 35	Mt. Jewett	10 00	10 00
4 30	2 15	Kane	10 20	10 20

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